

House Resolution 614

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Reece of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Crawford of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Alex H. Mills for his lifelong service to his community, state, and nation;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Alex H. Mills was born on February 5, 1929, in Concord, North Carolina;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills began his service to others at an early age, holding the role of high
6 school student body president, and earning many honors for his leadership including a
7 Citizenship Award, an Athletic Scholastic Award, and Senior Class Salutatorian; and

8 WHEREAS, pursuing his call to serve in the ministry, Mr. Mills earned bachelor's degree in
9 religion from Wake Forest College and attended Wake Forest Southeastern Theological
10 Seminary for graduate studies; and

11 WHEREAS, on December 2, 1951, Mr. Mills was ordained of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
12 and thereafter served as a Sunday school teacher, youth pastor, and a pastor in local
13 churches; and

14 WHEREAS, seeing a need for guidance in the lives of local youth, Mr. Mills volunteered his
15 time to serve on the Governor's Advisory Council for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
16 Prevention, where he served for 12 years, and also participated in the Community Interaction
17 committee for Floyd County Schools; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills continued to dedicate his efforts to the service of local youth,
19 organizing activities and becoming the director of the Floyd County Boys Club where,
20 through numerous sports and recreational programs, he positively affected the lives of
21 hundreds of young men and women; and

22 WHEREAS, during his 40 years of service to the Boys Club, he received numerous awards
23 and recognitions including the Distinguished Service Award, five National Boys Club
24 Service Awards, the Robert M. Sykes Award for Professional Excellence, and induction to
25 the Rome-Floyd County Recreational Authority Sports Hall of Fame in 2007; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1955 Mr. Mills established a Boys Club Choir which grew from 19 local
27 youth to a national organization with over 16,000 members and performed across the nation
28 along with numerous professionally renowned artists; and

29 WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Mills joined the cadet corps of the Civil Air Patrol, and
30 returned 40 years later to serve as a senior member; and

31 WHEREAS, during his service to the Civil Air Patrol, Mr. Mills ascended to the rank of
32 Lieutenant Colonel, where he served in numerous leadership roles including Chaplain; and

33 WHEREAS, his unwavering and dedicated service as a Chaplain was recognized as he was
34 named the Georgia Wing Chaplain of the Year in 1986, Southeast Region Chaplain of the
35 Year in 1989, and National Chaplain of the Year in 1990 and was also honored with the
36 Meritorious Service Award, the Exceptional Service Award, a Commander's Commendation,
37 and Outstanding Contribution Awards; and

38 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills has also served his community as a lifelong member of the Noon
39 Optimist Club and was recognized as the Optimist Georgian of the year; and

40 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills has also dedicated his service to the State of Georgia, serving 33
41 years with the Georgia Citizens for the Arts, and received the Governor's Award for the Arts
42 for his service; and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills embodies the spirit of a Christian and a patriot with his devotion of
44 his time, efforts, and energy to the service of others, and his many achievements are worthy
45 of recognition.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
47 the members of this body join to commend Mr. Alex H. Mills on his many contributions to
48 his community, state, and nation.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Alex H. Mills.